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UNIVERSITY CLUB

QUAKER CITY TROUBLES

Over the Attempted Gas Steal Grows Fast and Furious

OFFICIALS ARE DEPOSED

By Mayor Weaver Because of Refusal to Aid Anti-gas Steal Faction

Philadelphia, May 24.—In his effort to defeat consummation of the plan to lease the city gas works to the United Gas Improvement company for seventy-five years for \$25,000,000, Mayor Weaver today dismissed from office David J. Smyth, director of the department of public safety, and Peter E. Costello, director of the department of public works.

The mayor has announced that he is in the fight to the bitter end, which means that a great political battle is now on, and will be carried to the polls next November. In his fight against the gas lease and the Republican organization the mayor has called in as counsel Elihu Root, of New York, and former Judge James Gay Gordon of this city.

The removal of Directors Smyth and Costello did not come until after the mayor had asked them to resign immediately. The two directors refused to use their influence to help the mayor in his anti-gas lease fight, and this led the mayor to ask the directors for their resignations. While the mayor refuses to say what his future action will be regarding the other office holders who oppose him, it is believed that he is not through with his work in this direction. The reform organizations of the city are continuing with a vim to block the gas lease.

INDICTED FOR MURDER.

Conley Granted Change of Venue at Taos.

Santa Fe, N. M., May 23.—The officials of the First Judicial district court returned today from Taos, where one week's session of the court has just been closed.

John Conley was indicted for the murder of James Redding and Charles Purdy, at Questa, both having been Colorado prospectors and his associates in the mountains. Conley was granted a change of venue.

Vladivostok Road Cut.

London, May 24.—The Tokio correspondent of the Daily Telegraph says the railroad to Vladivostok has been severed, as a result of which the fortress is isolated.

Location of Togo.

London, May 24.—The Shanghai correspondent of the Morning Post says he learns from a trustworthy source that Vice-Admiral Togo's fleet is still off Masampo, on the southeastern coast of Korea.

INSANE NEGRO KILLED

After Having Killed One and Wounded a Number

Owensboro, Ky., May 23.—After killing one man and wounding seven, Robert Shaw, an insane negro, was shot to death as he ran from a burning house. He had barricaded himself in the latter and from it fired the shots that did the damage. Fire was finally put to it and the negro compelled to come out.

The dead are: WILLIAM C. BROWN, a deputy sheriff. The wounded are: Deputy Marshal John J. Jackson, Dr. C. H. Pitt, Town Marshal Watson, James Ford, John Robinson, Frank Howard, Watson Petty.

Yesterday afternoon Shaw was terrorizing the community around Waitman, and an appeal was sent to this city for help. A posse was at once formed, but as soon as they approached the madman's house he opened fire.

MOTHER'S RASH ACT.

Sulphur Springs, Tex., May 24.—Mrs. Tip Sanders drowned herself and three children in a creek near her home two miles south of this town today. The tragedy is said to be the result of domestic troubles.

STRIKE AT DOUGLAS

Car Shop Men Walked Out Yesterday

Douglas, Ariz., May 23.—(Special.)—The first labor strike in Douglas of any consequence occurred this morning when all the men employed in the car department of the El Paso & Southwestern railroad quit their positions, after a conference with Master Mechanic Paxton at his office at 7 o'clock.

A representative of the International-American called at the office of the master mechanic just after the men had left, but that gentleman was just leaving in a hurry to attend to some matters about the shop so that he might catch the west bound train and a statement could not be obtained from him as to the origin of the trouble. He simply said that the men had quit because of dissatisfaction.

J. L. Andrews, foreman of the car shops was seen and he stated that the men who had quit had taken objection to the discharge of two men who were discharged because they refused to nail down some boards in the car shops.

Yesterday a committee representing the car shop men called on Master Mechanic Paxton and some time was spent in talking over the matter without coming to any amicable settlement. The carshop men asked that the discharged men be reinstated on the ground that they had been ordered to perform carpenter work, which was not in their line of duty. The railroad officials evidently took a different view of the matter and refused to put the men back to work.

The committee representing the strikers is composed of Caleb Holden, B. C. Smith, J. A. Olsen, Con Cuba and J. A. Thompson. One of the committee stated this morning that five men were discharged Saturday for refusing to do carpenter work which had not been customary. The names of the men discharged are Jas. Redding, D. R. McConnell, Daniels, Moore and Griffith.

The striking car men embrace all men working in the car shops, car repair men, painters, carpenters, coach cleaners, car inspectors and train make-up men and number between forty-five and fifty men. They are not unionized and have no organization as such and receive pay of different grades from \$2.00 to \$4.00 per day.

This morning at ten o'clock the strikers met in Fraternity hall and went into executive deliberation in regard to their grievance which they claim is not so much against the E. & S. W. railroad as it is against their boss. At the meeting this morning P. A. Griffith presided as chairman and H. A. Rader was chosen as secretary. The men decided to take their troubles directly to headquarters and a committee was appointed to take the matter up with Mr. Simmons by telegraph and ask that he give them an audience. The strikers appointed a press committee composed of W. J. Spaulding, B. C. Smith, Caleb Holden and J. D. Whitsett and this afternoon they will prepare a statement of their grievance for publication. They claim that it has always been the policy of the Phelps, Dodge people to pay good wages. That no company in the south has ever treated its employees better and that they are satisfied if they can get their trouble before Mr. Simmons that it can be amicably adjusted.

Around Douglas there was expression of general regret among the citizens that any trouble should have arisen between the men and their employers and it is to be hoped that the disagreement can yet be settled in an amicable manner.

One of the old timers in this section this morning stated that this was the first strike that has ever occurred with the Phelps-Dodge people during their long history in this section of the territory.

Mr. Sturges and wife will spend the day in El Paso and leave on the Southwestern tomorrow morning for his home. He has not been in El Paso for several years except to pass through here, and is surprised at the development of the city.

MORTON QUITS JULY 1

Change Renews Talk of Prosecution of Santa Fe

New York, May 23.—The Herald tomorrow will print the following dispatch from its Washington correspondent:

Paul Morton, Secretary of the Navy, desires to leave public life as soon as possible. July 1 he will have relinquished his present post to some other man, and will, in all probability, have gone to Europe for a brief vacation.

Secretary Morton did not intend to retire from the cabinet until fall. He so stated himself only a few days ago. The announcement that he has changed his plans and will leave on July 1 has started anew the gossip in regard to the government's case against the Santa Fe Railroad, of which Mr. Morton was an officer before he became Secretary of the Navy last summer.

There has been no investigation against a trust or railroad by the government in which so much secrecy and reticence have been maintained as over the Santa Fe. While it is impossible to confirm any current rumors, it is believed that Lawyer Judson Harmon, engaged as special counsel to investigate the question of Santa Fe re-bates, has reported to the President that there is sufficient ground for taking the case before a grand jury. If instructions have not already gone to New Mexico to this effect, it is believed they will be sent within a few days.

CONFERENCE IS HELD

Regarding Joint Statehood That May Prove Highly Important

ADMINISTRATION MAN

Meets With Arizona and New Mexico Leaders at El Paso.

El Paso, May 23.—Quite a distinguished party were entertained here yesterday and conferences having much to do with the future of both Arizona and New Mexico were in progress all day.

W. Scott Smith, private secretary to secretary of the interior Hitchcock, accompanied by his daughter and W. S. Sturges, national republican committeeman of Arizona, and wife, arrived in this city Saturday evening from Mr. Sturges' ranch in southern Arizona where Mr. Smith had been in consultation with Mr. Sturges about Arizona affairs.

They were met here yesterday by Gov. Miguel A. Otero, of New Mexico, Territorial secretary, J. W. Reynolds and United States district attorney for New Mexico, W. H. H. Llewellyn.

Mr. Smith had intended visiting Gov. Otero at Santa Fe but, being recalled to Washington on urgent business, he found he could not make the round-about journey to Santa Fe, so telegraphed Gov. Otero to meet him here. Mr. Sturges also wished to consult with New Mexico's governor on statehood affairs so he accompanied Mr. Smith to this city.

"Mr. Smith's business with Gov. Otero was of a routine nature and not of public interest," said Mr. Sturges this morning. "Mr. Smith having finished his business left for Washington last evening and Gov. Otero and party left on the Rock Island for Santa Fe by the way of Torrance."

"I had a very important conference with Gov. Otero on the statehood question. I find that he is unalterably opposed to joint statehood. I gave him a hearty invitation to attend our separate statehood meeting at Phoenix on the 24th, but he said he could not attend on account of other business."

"It's just like trying to mix oil and water to join these two Territories in a single state and I can't see why any one should advocate it. We are entering into an era of great prosperity and development in this southwest, and why they would want to make a state here that would be bigger than a dozen northeastern states, I don't understand."

"But the matter will be voted on by the people soon I think and that should settle the matter. We have no objection to New Mexico becoming a state immediately and waiting for statehood in the case of Arizona, until they are willing to give it to us. Anything in fact is preferable to joint statehood."

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W. S. Sturges, referred to in the above dispatch, arrived in the city last evening accompanied by Mrs. Sturges, and will spend the day in the city. At the Copper Queen Hotel last evening a number of the faithful were present to welcome the Republican National Committeeman to the city, and during the evening the party included W. H. Brophy, M. E. Cassidy and C. E. Rinehart.

Mr. Sturges stated last evening that the statehood convention to be held in Phoenix on Saturday next would be largely attended, and that business men all over Arizona were taking a lively interest in the movement inaugurated by the Phoenix Board of Trade.

In speaking of the statehood situation, Mr. Sturges expressed confidence in the belief that the joint statehood bill would be defeated by the next Congress, but hastened to add that no stone should be left unturned by the Arizonians from now until the date of adjournment.

While in El Paso the Republican National committeeman from Arizona invited the Governor of New Mexico to attend the single statehood meeting at Phoenix on Saturday next, and Governor Otero was forced to decline for the reason of previous engagements for that date.

Mr. Sturges stated that Governor Otero was opposed to joint statehood for Arizona, and would oppose any such bill as long as it was on the Congressional calendar.

Mr. Sturges will leave this evening for Tucson, and will be in Phoenix on Saturday for the purpose of attending the mass meeting.

BANKERS GO UNDER

New York Trust Company Trusts Too Extensively

New York, May 24.—The Merchants' Trust company of this city was closed today by order of the state superintendent of banks, because it had made loans amounting to about \$1,250,000 upon which it had not been able to realize a sufficient sum to pay depositors and save the capital of the company from impairment. Upon application of the attorney general, Douglas Robinson, a brother-in-law of President Roosevelt, was appointed one of the receivers.

The company's loans which had no ready market value were about \$850,000.

The Trust company owes depositors about \$2,200,000, and according to the state bank examiner has available assets of nearly \$1,300,000, so that it will be necessary to realize \$950,000 to pay depositors. The stockholders are liable to the extent of \$500,000. With that amount the state bank examiner said today that a sufficient sum could certainly be realized to pay depositors in full.

GOLDFIELD BANK IS GUTTED

ONLY SIXTEEN DOLLARS LEFT IN TILL TO PAY \$78,000.

Books Found to be in Badly Demoralized Condition.—Five Dollars Was Found Under the Counter.

Goldfield, Nev., May 23.—The Goldfield Bank and Trust company closed today and the failure turned out to be the completest clean out ever experienced by any financial institution in the country. According to the best information that can be obtained the liabilities of the bank amounts to \$78,227 and all that can be discovered in the form of an asset is \$4,890 in notes, some of which are of doubtful value.

When the bank examiner took charge of the bank and made an investigation he was able to find only \$16 in the vaults and a five dollar gold piece on the floor under the counter.

The books when examined are said to have presented a disorganized state of affairs never before encountered in any bank.

DECISION NEXT WEEK.

In Zeckendorf-Steinfeldt Case—Evidence Concluded Yesterday.

Tucson, May 23.—Decision will be rendered in the Zeckendorf-Steinfeldt case by Judge Campbell next week. The evidence was concluded today, the seventh of the hearing, and the attorneys will commence their arguments in the morning.

STOCK GROWERS' SECRETARY

T. W. TOMLINSON, OF CHICAGO JUNCTION RAILWAY GETS POSITION.

Denver, May 23.—The American Stock Growers' association recently organized in this city, has engaged the services of T. W. Tomlinson, general agent of the Chicago Junction Railway company, as secretary. He will take charge of the affairs of the association on June 1st, with headquarters at Denver.

IOWA EMBEZZLER IS INDICTED.

Confesses He Took Bank's Money to Save His Son's Life.

Des Moines, Iowa, May 22.—Carl M. Spencer, former employee of the Des Moines National Bank, who confessed on being arrested he had taken money from the bank to obtain medical treatment for his invalid son, was indicted today by the federal grand jury. Spencer's shortage will not exceed \$5,000.

RATE COMMISSION FINISHING.

Washington, D. C., May 24.—The senate committee on interstate commerce today closed hearings upon the regulation of railway rates. It will devote the remainder of the week to a plan of report and suggestions to facilitate proceedings when congress re-assembles.

NEW YORK BANK CLOSES.

New York, May 23.—The doors of the Merchants' Trust company were closed today. No definite information can be had as to its condition. The capital stock of this company was \$1,000,000 and according to its last statement it had deposits amounting to \$2,000,000.

STRICKEN WITH PARALYSIS.

Omaha, May 23.—E. W. Nash, the proprietor of the American Refining and Smelting company, was stricken with paralysis here early today. His condition is believed to be extremely critical.

MARY A. LIVERMORE DEAD.

Melrose, Mass., May 23.—Mrs. Mary A. Livermore, the well known writer and reformer, died at her home here today. Bronchitis and a weak heart hastened her end.

POSTMASTER AT SIGNAL.

Washington, D. C., May 22.—Dr. McKnight has been appointed postmaster at Signal, vice Gabriel Levy, resigned.

CHICAGO SITUATION BLACK

Looks Like Beginning of Worst Strike in History of the Country—Employers Seem to be Forcing the Issue

Chicago, May 23.—The strike situation today may be described as very uncertain. On the one hand it is claimed that the strike today occupies a more threatening attitude than at any time since the trouble began, while in other quarters it is claimed that new peace negotiations are being arranged for which give hope for a speedy settlement of all the difficulty.

The situation is decidedly paradoxical and while you hear predictions that the streets of this city will be lined with the state militia within the next twenty-four hours, you may also hear of the development of new hopes for a peaceful settlement.

CONFER WITH THE MAYOR.

Early in the day the managers of the express companies had an interview with Mayor Dunne in regard to the strike situation. After this interview the mayor is known to have summoned the chief of police to a conference and that the sheriff was also summoned. The report of the interview with the mayor by the chief of police has caused the general belief that the conference had to do with the proposition to bring troops to the city for the purpose of assisting the sheriff and chief of police in preserving order and protecting the non-union men who are now in charge of many teams in the city.

The conference of the express managers and mayor is interpreted to mean that the companies have refused to concede anything to the unions in the matter of taking back their former employees and that preliminaries were discussed looking to the calling for troops for the city.

Chicago, Ill., May 23.—All prospects

of peace in the teamsters' strike have disappeared, and it will be an open war from this time on. The last conference looking toward a peaceable adjustment was held tonight between James B. Barry, business agent of the express drivers' union, and the local managers of the seven express companies.

Business Agent Barry opened negotiations by saying: "Our position is this: I want all men reinstated except those who have been guilty of violence. I can not do anything different. That is what the local union wants, and that is what the local officers have told me to demand. That is all I can do. The men have told me that all want to go back in a body or not go back at all. That is the position of the union and union officials."

The reply of the representatives of the express companies was brief. It was: "Our opposition to the reinstatement of the men will be the same four years from now as it is today. We will not take them back under any circumstances."

This brought the conference to a close, and all the parties concerned in it immediately left the city hall.

Four hundred and sixty-two drivers employed by twenty-eight firms belonging to the Lumbermen's Association went out today. In each case the men were ordered to make deliveries to boycotted houses and strikes followed. Other firms to the number of fifty-five belonging to the Lumbermen's Association will make similar requests of their men tomorrow, and by night it is expected the full number of 2,000 drivers employed by these lumber concerns, will be on strike.

A meeting of the United Employers' Association of the Wood Industries, composed of five associations embracing 135 firms owning lumber yards, planing mills, sash and door factories, etc., was held today. It was decided to call upon their drivers to make deliveries. This will force out 1800 additional men.

MACHEN TO PRISON

Taken Back to Penitentiary to Serve New Term

Washington, May 24.—Augustus W. Machen, former general superintendent of the free delivery service of the Star and Citizen, a charge of criminal libel was today filed by L. C. Hughes, of the Star, against O'Brien Moore, of the Citizen. Moore gave bond for appearance before Justice Richey on June 2.

The article to which Hughes takes exception in his complaint was printed in the Citizen yesterday, in company with letters which passed between A. P. Safford and Hughes at the time Safford, as governor, is alleged to have dismissed Hughes from the office of attorney general.

Following his plea of guilty under his joint indictment with W. G. Crawford, of this city, and George Lorenz, of Toledo, O., for conspiracy to defraud the government, Machen will not be prosecuted on any of the remaining indictments.

THREE QUARTERS OF A MILLION

VICTIMS REPORTED IN INDIA.

London, May 23.—Information has reached here that more than three quarters of a million people have already died of the plague in India this year. These are the startling figures furnished by Indian Secretary Broderick, in the house of commons.

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DID FOUR HUNDRED MULES IN

STABLE FIRE IN ST. LOUIS.

East St. Louis, May 23.—In this city today over four hundred mules perished in a fire that destroyed the big sales stables of Maxwell & Crouch and Sparks Bros., at the national stock yards today. The loss is estimated at \$100,000.

Chicago, May 23.—According to present arrangements

Bob Fitzsimmons and Mike Schreck will fight twenty rounds at Salt Lake on July 4th, the bid of the Salt Lake clubs for the fight having been accepted today by the fighters. The men will meet at 168 pounds in the ringside. This event is looked forward to with much interest by the sportsmen of the country.